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KENTUCKY MUSEUM AND HISTORY DAY BRINGS CULTURE TO THE CAPITOL

Frankfort, KY (February 16, 2004) – On Thursday, February 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the halls of the state's capitol will be filled with exhibits, hands-on activities and colorful displays of the commonwealth's museums and historic sites during Kentucky Museum and History Day, returning after its debut in 2002.

This special day will feature exhibits from more than 20 counties, which represents only a sampling of Kentucky's 430 museums and history organizations that serve almost six million visitors a year. The public and legislature alike will get a glimpse of Kentucky historic sites, take an up-close look at museum artifacts and enjoy a performance by the Kentucky Historical Society Museum Theatre. Genealogy societies will showcase their research resources, and costumed historical reenactors will bring history to life.

"The first event held in 2002 was a great success," says Bobbie Gothard of the Kentucky Coal Museum, who will be returning again this year. "It was a wonderful time for legislators and the public to view history projects and activities from museums around the commonwealth."

“Kentucky Museum and History Day is sponsored by the Kentucky Historical Society, Historical Confederation of Kentucky and Kentucky Association of Museums. For more information about this event, call Kate Hesseldenz at (502) 564-1792, ext. 4477.

Kentucky Museum and History Day, 2004 Participating Organizations

American Printing House for the Blind/Callahan Museum	Jefferson County
Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate	Fayette County
Aviation Museum of Kentucky	Fayette County
Behringer-Crawford Museum	Kenton County
Bell County Historical Society	Bell County
Belle of Louisville	Jefferson County
Bittersweet Cabin Museum	Rockcastle County
Bluegrass Railroad Museum	Franklin County
Bullitt County Genealogical Society	Bullitt County
City of Frankfort Parks and Recreation	Franklin County
Civil War Sites	statewide
Cumberland Gap National Historical Park	Bell County
Dinsmore Homestead	Boone County
Filson Historical Society	Jefferson County
Fort Boonesboro State Park	Madison County
Georgetown and Scott County Museum	Scott County
Harriet Beecher Stowe Slavery to Freedom Museum	Mason County
Highlands Museum and Discovery Center	Boyd County
Hopewell Museum	Bourbon County
Kentucky Coal Museum	Harlan County
Kentucky Derby Museum	Jefferson County
Kentucky Division of Historic Properties	Franklin County
Kentucky Historical Society	Franklin County
Kentucky Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission	statewide
Kentucky Music Hall of Fame	Rockcastle County
Liberty Hall Historic Site	Franklin County
The Little Loomhouse	Jefferson County
Louisville Genealogical Society	Jefferson County
Museum Center	Mason County
Museum of the American Quilter's Society	McCracken County
Newport Aquarium	Campbell County
Northern Kentucky University	Campbell County
Old Bardstown Village Inc./Civil War Museum	Nelson County
Painted Stone Settlers	Shelby County
Pennyroyal Area Museum	Christian County
Portland Museum	Jefferson County
Riverside, the Farnsely-Moreman Landing	Jefferson County
Schmidt Museum of Coca-Cola Memorabilia	Hardin County
Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill	Mercer County

The Speed Art Museum
Tyrone Bridge and Rail Company Historical Society
White Hall State Historic Site
Woodford County Historical Society
Woodford Reserve Distillery

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